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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 116: N/AAGS: AORG FAO EAGR
SUBJ.: UN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION
REF: ROME 13012, ROME 13013, STATE 224558, STATE 222510

1. ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND MISSIONS ON US DRAFT FOR GA RESOLUTION ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, TEXT OF WHICH GIVEN IN PARA 7 BELOW, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. USUN REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH MAJOR LDCS WITH SAME GOAL IN MIND. WE WOULD HOPE, EVEN IF CO-SPONSORSHIP IS NOT OBTAINED, THAT OTHER COUNTRIES CAN AGREE TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT WHEN IT IS INTRODUCED BY US DEL IN ECOSOC MEETING BEGINNING DECEMBER 7. POSTS ARE AWARE FROM ROME REFTELS OF HIGHLY DIVERGENT VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE OF A WFC AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS MADE IN FAO CONFERENCE AT ROME TO AGREE ON A REPORT WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE VIEWS OF INTERESTED PARTIES AT A WFC. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT UN RESOLUTION CAN UTILIZE THIS AGREEMENT, AS WE PROPOSE TO DO IN PARA 3 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION, RATHER THAN REOPENING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BY SEEKING MORE PRECISE EXPRESSIONS OF POSITIONS.

2. THIS RESOLUTION IS DESIGNED TO ASSURE UN LEVEL AUSPICES

AND AUTHORITY BY PROVIDING FOR UN SYG APPOINTMENT WFC SECGEN AND ECOSOC ESTABLISHMENT OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. RESOLUTION ALSO PROVIDES FOR PRIMARY ROLE OF FAO AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UN AGENCIES ESPECIALLY IN PREPARATORY PHASE BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICING UN-LEVEL NATURE OF WFC. MENTION OF UNCTAD RESPONDS TO EXPRESSED DESIRE LDCS ENSURE RECOGNITION UNCTAD INTEREST BUT KEPT TO ROLE CLEARLY SUBORDINATE TO FAO. PREAMBULAR PARA 4 INCLUDED SPECIFICALLY TO REFLECT VIEWS OF UNCTAD SYG PEREZ GUERRERO WHICH MAY HELP MODERATE MORE DIVERGENT VIEWS NON-ALIGNED. POSTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON PART

USG THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD BE PAROCHIAL FAO/UNCTAD EXERCISE BUT IS INCLUDED IN BELIEF THAT HARD-LINE RESOLUTION WILL FAIL TO GAIN SUPPORT AND WOULD RESULT IN COUNTER-RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

3. POSTS SHOULD NOTE THAT WORDING IN PARA 6 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION LEAVES OPEN QUESTION OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PREPCOM. OUR DISCUSSIONS AT FAO CONFERENCE AND UNNY INDICATE THAT FRENCH PARTICULARLY AND OTHER WEST EUROPEANS AS WELL, NOT DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A PREPCOM LIMITED TO MEMBERSHIP OF 27 (FORMULA ADOPTED FOR THE UN ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION CONFERENCE) OR SOME OTHER RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER. FRENCH EXPRESSED VIEW IN FAO CONFERENCE PLENARY THAT PREPCOM MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL EXPLAINING PRIVATELY TO US THAT UNDER 27-MEMBER FORMULA WEST EUROPEAN MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE TOO SERIOUSLY RESTRICTED. REQUEST EMBASSIES EXPLORE WITH FRENCH AND OTHER HOST GOVERNMENTS THEIR POSITION ON PREPCOM MEMBERSHIP AND SIZE NOTING US POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT PREPCOM OF LIMITED SIZE WOULD BE MORE MANAGEABLE AND, THEREFORE, MORE EFFECTIVE.

4. US DRAFT DOES NOT MENTION SITE FOR WFC ALTHOUGH FAO CONFERENCE CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD WFC AT ROME. HOWEVER, AS A PROCEDURAL MATTER, GA CANNOT RECOMMEND ROME AS A SITE UNTIL GOI HAS EXTENDED INVITATION WHICH IT HAS NOT DONE. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, ADVISE CONTACTS THAT PRELIMINARY US POSITION FAVORS ROME.

5. FOR PARIS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER FRENCH WOULD GO ALONG WITH US DRAFT RESOLUTION WITHOUT INTRODUCING AN "OBSERVATION" ON TRADE MATTERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH AS WAS PRESENTED AT FAO CONFERENCE (REPORTED PARA 5 ROME 131013). WE UNDERSTAND FROM USUAN THAT FRENCH POSITION IN ROME NOT IN LINE WITH VIEWS OF PARIS OR FRENCH DEL TO UNNY.

7. TEXT DRAFT RESOLUTION (UNCLASSIFIED)

CONVOCATION OF A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

RECALLING THE ECONSOC DECISION OF OCTOBER 18, 1973 TO
DEVELOP PLANS NECESSARY TO RECOMMEND THE CONVOCATION OF A
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN 1974.

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
REPORT (BLANK) SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO
THE DECISION CITED ABOVE,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE 17TH
CONFERENCE OF THE FAO,

ALSO TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF UNCTAD'S VIEWS, AS
EXPRESSED BY ITS SECRETARY-GENERAL ON NOVEMBER 20, 1973
AT THE 17TH CONFERENCE OF THE FAO, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
FOCUS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ON (A) LONG
TERM ADEQUACY OF FOOD SUPPLIES, (B) FOOD AID AND (C)
SECURITY AGAINST SHORTAGES,

NOTING THAT RECENT TRENDS IN THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR
FOOD HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE CONCERN OF MEMBER STATES TO
ASSURE ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

CONSIDERING THAT THIS SUBJECT RELATES DIRECTLY TO GOALS
SET FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE,
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BELIEVING THAT A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE
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